Mr. T. K. Nayar.—I second it.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I beg to support it. I do not think any long speech is necessary.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Government accepts the resolution, as regards the Legislative Council Members and Members of the Municipalities are concerned. Subject to that reservation, Government accepts the resolution. As regards the Panchayats the rule obtaining in British India does not include the Panchayat Members. The recommendation of the Chief Court also does not take in Panchayat Members.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Panchayat President?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—They already have the power here. I shall, to avoid further discussion, read the British Indian rule. "Affidavits intended for use in judicial proceedings may be sworn before any Court or Magistrate including a Village-Magistrate or a Sub Registrar Nazir or Deputy Nazir or Assistant Nazir or a Member of the Legislative Council of the Governor of Madras or a District or Taluk Board Member or Municipal Councillor or any person upon whom any title has been conferred by Government or a Commissioned Military Officer of the A. F. I. stationed in the Anamalais or the Manager of the Office of the Board of Commissioner for Hindu Religious Endowments or any Inspector working under the Board outside the city of Madras". There the thing stops.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With this assurance I withdraw the resolution.

Resolution withdrawn with leave of the House.

Resolution No. 9.

As the following resolution was not moved it was considered withdrawn.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—"This Council recommends that the Chief Court of Cochin be made the High Court of Cochin and the Chief Court Vakils be made the Advocates of the High Court with all the privileges of the Advocates of the Madras High Court."

Concluding Remarks by the Deputy President.

Deputy President.—Hon'ble Members:

Before we disperse I am glad to place the following facts before you regarding this Budget Session. In all 314 questions were received of which 295 questions were answered and only 19 questions remain yet to be answered.

The second is the agility shown by the Shorthand writers. The speeches were sent to us for correction the very next day they were delivered. But I request the Hon'ble Members to return their speeches, duly corrected as early as possible to the Office. The Council Secretary did his work briskly by getting all our cut motions printed and placed before us sufficiently early for our discussion.

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Before proroguing the Council I desire to say a few words on the cordial manner in which the two halves of the House moved in this, the 8th year of its life. I am glad the privilege of putting supplementary questions by all Members was fully availed of by the non-official Members, for the first time, in this Budget Session. The non-official Members have exhibited a great knowledge of the ways in which the official wheels of the Government move, and the officials have also by association with the representatives of the people in the House have come to realise that in the years to come they have to move in a different manner. They were very frank in placing facts and figures in the House and have helped the Council to move without much tension as I mentioned yesterday in closing the budget of the year. The increasing responsive attitude of the Government has evoked equally reciprocal feelings on the non-official benches and this cordiality, I am sure, will pave the way for an increase in the responsibilities to be conferred on this House. The great sense of responsibility of the House in cheerfully shouldering the irksome burden of taxation has belied all pessimistical misgivings and forecast of sullen discontent, embarrassment and alienation of good will and sympathy. The fearless and optimistic way in which the Council supported the Government at this juncture cannot but rouse feelings of confidence in the minds of those concerned, to trust the Cochin Council more and more.

Thanks are due to the Progressive Party for its co-operation to bring the budget to a successful termination in time.

With these remarks I now prorogue the Council.

The Council was prorogued at 2 p. m.

C. J. MATHEW,

Secretary to the Council.

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